

## AAH Emergency Response for Landslide Survivors Progress Report in Pictures March 24, 2010



Before: Without covered cooking area, continued rains were preventing food from being cooked thoroughly. Residents are given food but must prepare it on their own. Some were cooking in their tents causing ventilation problems and fire hazards.



Progress: AAH team has constructed 180 feet of covered area where individuals are able to cook safely and some are even seeking shelter during heavy rains.



Before: All residents were using a nearby river for bathing lacking privacy, causing hygiene concerns and posing risk of sexual assault especially to women and girls.



Progress: AAH team is constructing a bathing area of approximately 120 ft long, with a structure similar to the kitchen but with walls surrounding the entire structure.





Nice story: The parents and students of Bukumbale Primary School donated ½ a sack of maize flour, 1 sack of dried cassava, two sacks of fresh cassava, 4 lbs of beans, two dresses and a shirt, 18 firewood logs and 20,000 shillings (\$10) to the residents of the IDP camp.

This is the only school in Sironko district that benefited from AAH through the USAID outreach program. The school's scout master visited and spent a night at the IDP camp. He reported back to his school and they quickly got whatever they could and dropped it all off at AAH Program Director James Nabitawo's office in Mbale. They called and asked AAH to distribute as they did not trust anyone else to do it. Here you can see AAH teacher Patrick Wasswa and volunteer coordinator Carolyn Edlebeck helping with and overseeing the distribution.



The rains continue ...



Finally, here's an update from Program Director James Nabitawo to Executive Director Jennifer Paul received Wednesday afternoon:

Hello Jennifer,

We are progressing just fine with aid in the camp. Our structure – Kitchen remains the best structure in the camp. Many have complimented AAH and residents are fully utilizing it. This is one of the very few structures in the camp with iron sheets roofing and many are using it not only as a kitchen but as a shelter when it rains.

We should have it complete by Friday with encouragement health slogans written and painted by Teacher Godfrey.

The Shower area only has doors remaining and should also be complete by Friday. We are keeping residents away until it's complete. As seen in the pictures, we are allowing them to hang their clothes on it as its muddy everywhere. We are hoping to have the clothing line stands complete and set up by Saturday.

Many are looking forward to bathing rooms with privacy.



I have a couple of pictures showing how the school looked like last week and how it did today. No child could attend school today as it kept raining and all grounds around the camp were wet and muddy.

It's sad when one looks in the tents and realizes that there is no flooring and unless a trench is dug, water will flow right through their beddings and personal effects.

James



School area last week on left and same area empty this week on Wednesday due to rains.